

REMARKS

Claims 62-75 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, and claims 73 and 75 have been amended solely as to form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 75 was rejected as unpatentable over ROBERTSON et al. 6,486,895 in view of SIDANA 6,081,829 and LEMAY et al. "Laura Lemay's Web Workshop, Javascript" (1996). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The Official Action acknowledges that ROBERTSON et al. does not disclose that the pagelets are computer programs that perform specific functions related to the electronic documents, the specific functions accessing and altering a structure of the electronic book and being distinct from functions accessing contents referenced by the pages of the electronic book. The Official Action relies on SIDANA for the suggestion to add such pagelets to the electronic book in ROBERTSON et al.

SIDANA discloses a technique for adding annotations to web pages that do not change the web pages themselves (column 2, lines 34-40). The annotations are stored on the user computer and their contents are added to the web pages when the web pages are recalled.

If one of skill in the art were to add the ability to make annotations, such as suggested by SIDANA, to a page of a ROBERTSON et al. electronic book, the annotations would appear on

particular pages but, significantly, would not alter the structure of the electronic book. Everything in the electronic book would be exactly the same, except a few words would be added to the annotated pages. This is not an alteration of the structure of the electronic book; it is merely the addition of some content to particular pages of the book.

In other words, there is no suggestion in SIDANA to add a page to the electronic book that alters a structure of the electronic book and thus one of skill in the art would not find the invention of claim 75 obvious in view of the suggested combination.

Claims 76-78 were rejected as unpatentable further in view of GISH 6,233,620 and claims 62-74 were rejected as unpatentable further in view of WEINBERG et al. 6,237,006 and FEIN et al. 5,924,108. GISH, WEINBERG et al., and FEIN et al. do not make up for the shortcoming noted above and thus these claims are allowable for the same reason as claim 75 (reference being made in claims 76-78 to altering the "arrangement" rather than the "structure" of the electronic book; nevertheless the reasoning is analogous). There is no suggestion in the proposed combinations to add the claimed "pagelets" to an electronic book that alters an arrangement or structure of the electronic book.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been

placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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